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25th APR Scout Conference Resolutions

Dear Colleagues:

Greetings from the Asia-Pacific Regional Support Centre!

We are glad to share with you the Conference Resolutions adopted by the 25th APR Scout Conference held on 3-9 November 2015 at Gwangju, Republic of Korea.

After every conference, the resolutions are brought to the attention of the Regional Scout Committee, concerned APR Sub-Committees, and National Scout Organizations to take actions where relevant and necessary.

The APR Support Centre regularly monitors implementing actions on the resolutions to be reported at Regional Scout Committee meetings and at the next APR Scout Conference in 2018.

With best regards,



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25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference
3-8 November 2015
Gwangju, Korea

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

01/15 Resolution of Thanks

The 25th APR Scout Conference held on 3-8 November 2015 at the Kimdaejung Convention Centre in Gwangju City, Republic of Korea, recognizing the contribution and support of all who participated directly and indirectly to organize and make the conference a success, extends its gratitude and appreciation to:

1.1/15 Mr Hahm Jong Han, President of Korea Scout Association, for his leadership and guidance in hosting the 25th APR Scout Conference.

1.2/15 Mr Joon Jang Hyun, Mayor of Gwangju Metropolitan City, for the generous support and hospitality.

1.3/15 The different officials who attended and supported this conference:

- Kim Kee Jung, Minister of Gender Equality and Family
- Chung Ui Hwa, Speaker of National Assembly of Republic of Korea
- Park Hye Ja, Member of National Assembly of Republic of Korea and Chairperson of Gwangju Council, KSA
- Kim Choon Jin, Acting President of Korea Scout Parliament Association
- Jang Hui Guk, Superintendent of Gwangju Metropolitan Office of Education

1.4/15 The Host Organizing Committee chaired by Dr Lee Bok Yie, who is also Chairman of Jeonnam Council, for a well organized conference, giving their best efforts to make it successful.

1.5/15 The different offices, ministries and corporations who generously supported the conference:

- Gwangju Local Council
- Ministry of Gender Equality and Family
- Gwangju Metropolitan City
- Korea Tourism Organization
- Pocari Sweat
- Gwangju Convention and Visitors Bureau

1.6/15 The Regional Scout Committee, and its Chairman Dr Chao, Shou-Po and the five retiring members, for their guidance in designing, planning, organizing and presiding the conference sessions and events.

1.7/15 The Delegates and Observers for actively participating throughout the conference, sharing their practices and experiences during the discussions and presentations, and for sharing the spirit of goodwill and friendship.

1.8/15 The organizers and participants of the 8th APR Youth Forum for making the event a great success.

1.9/15 The organizers and participants of the Course for Leader Trainers, the training team and staff, for their dedicated support and services towards the success of the course.

1.10/15 Appreciation is given to the Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre for hosting the KAICIID Dialogue Facilitators Training Workshop, APR Youth Forum, and Course for Leader Trainers.

1.11/15 The Asia-Pacific Regional Sub-Committees for devoting their time, expertise and resources in accomplishing the tasks presented to them during the triennium.

1.12/15 The World Scout Committee headed by Jaoa Armando Goncalves for his inspiring message that reinforces the vision and unity of world Scouting.

1.13/15 The WOSM Secretary General, Scott Teare, and WSB staff for their presence and active participation at the conference.

1.14/15 Our partner organizations and guests: Habitat for Humanity, WWF, UNICEF and U-Report, Environment Online for their active participation and support to Scouting, and to the ISGF and WAGGGS for their active participation.

1.15/15 The organizers and participants of the International Commissioner's Gathering, Palaver, Chief Commissioner's Meeting, Session on Communications and External Relations, APR Foundation Fellowship Gathering, APR Foundation Fundraising Dinner, Asia-Pacific Evergreen Scouts Gathering, the ATAS Gathering and Welcome and Closing Dinners.

1.16/15 The Regional Scout Director and staff of the APR Support Centre for their dedicated service in the planning and organizing of the conference, and its ancillary events.

1.17/15 Special thanks and appreciation to the Scout Association of Japan for the successful hosting of the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan.

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

02/ 15 Reports

The conference adopts the comprehensive reports of the Regional Chairman, the Regional Director, and the Regional Treasurer.

03/15 Draft resolutions received from the APR Youth Forum

The conference adopts the following proposed resolutions, and endorses them for consideration and appropriate action by the Regional Scout Committee:

3.1/15 In accordance with the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy, and the inclusion of increased Youth Involvement in the APR Strategic Plan and WOSM Strategic Plan, our region must more actively engage young people in decision making positions.

It is stated in the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy that "Youth Involvement is a capacity-building process, based on enabling young people to actively share responsibility with adults for making decisions..."

The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee should:

- Add one additional position on the YAMG for the role of Vice-Chair, increasing the overall membership to seven;
- Include this additional YAMG appointment on the Regional Scout Committee, increasing the overall membership of YAMG Members on the Asia-Pacific Regional Committee to two.

3.2/15 That the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee increase the age for election to the Young Adult Member Group. Candidates must not have reached their 26th Birthday at the start of their appointment.

3.3/15 Asia-Pacific Programme Sub-Committee to update the Guidelines and Rules of Procedure for the Chairman of the Asia Pacific Region Young Adult Members Group (YAMG), to declare that the Chairman is voted for by the delegates of the youth forum.

3.4/ 15 Young Adult Member Group (YAMG) to submit two progress reports as a group throughout their term, the first report at eighteen months and another a month before the next Youth Forum, in order to:

- Inform the future Youth Forum participants about the outcomes of the work done by the YAMG so that critiques can be put forward before and during the Forum.
- Prepare the potential YAMG candidates so the most suitable candidate within the NSO may be put forward.

3.5/ 2015 The Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee is to review and make amendments to the Rules of Procedure for the Asia Pacific Scout Conference and Youth Forum, taking into account the procedure for the election and resolution process to ensure that it is robust and covers all scenarios.

3.6/2015 The Asia Pacific Regional Finance Sub-Committee to review the funding for the Young Adult Member Group, to provide adequate funding for them to fulfill their role and responsibilities.

3.7/15 The Draft Asia Pacific Region Plan should bring forward the regional workshop on Youth Involvement to the third quarter of 2016.

3.8/15 The Asia Pacific Region Programme Sub-Committee is to review implementation of the WOSM Youth Involvement policy with each NSO before the 1st Quarter of 2017.

- APR Programme Sub-Committee to help NSOs translate the document into their own language, so that they will be able to better understand the policy.
- NSO Action Plan to be developed over three years for each NSO, on how they will increase youth involvement in their organisation.
- NSOs are required to report back to 2018 APR Conference on their progress.

04/ 2015 Draft resolution received from the Youth Forum: Gender-Sensitive Language Guidelines

In accordance with the United Nations' Gender-Sensitive Language guidelines, it should be resolved that the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee update the Guidelines and Rules of Procedure for Asia Pacific Region Youth Forum, so as to ensure gender neutrality.

The conference resolves:

- Replace the title of the Young Adult Members Group` Chairman `with `Chair`;
- Replace any reference to the Young Adult Members Group `Chairman` with `Chair`;
- Replace any reference to the Youth Forum `Chairman` with` Chair`.
- Replace the title of `Chairman` and `Vice Chairman` of the steering committee with `Chair` and `Vice Chair`;
- Any other references to this title shall be amended in the light of this Resolution.

05/2015 Draft resolution received from the Youth Forum: National Youth Consultation

National Scout Organizations to conduct a National Youth Consultation, a minimum of once every three years, with the purpose of providing clear input to the Asia Pacific Regional Youth Forum Resolutions. This Consultation could take the form of a National Youth Forum, a national survey of youth, or any other form of widespread consultation accessible by the majority of youth members of an NSO and suitable to the NSO's situation.

06/15 Reaching out, diversity, and membership

Given our 2023 vision for growth, we ask the Regional Scout Committee to prioritise within our proposed plan, activities that promote reaching out to diversify and increase membership, and to actively support NSOs to achieve this over the next three years.

07/15 Scouting in Myanmar

Recognizing that the Union of Burma (Myanmar) Boy Scouts was a full member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in the 1950s but was disbanded in 1964, it is recommended that this conference agree:

- a) that the APR Committee, the APR Support Centre, and relevant NSOs do everything possible to assist the Myanmar Scout Association in seeking membership of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) under Article V of the WOSM Constitution, and to submit a formal application as soon as possible.
- b) the APR Steering Committee to review periodically the progress of Myanmar membership application to WOSM.

08/15 Service Excellence

The Conference resolves that the Regional Scout Committee and the APR Support Centre should continue to promote the concept that NSOs are service providers as set out in the 2012 Concept Paper on Services from NSOs and to take steps to foster a culture of service excellence in the Region and in all NSOs. One such example is through the organisation of workshops at Regional and National levels.

09/15 Gender Equity

Recognising the significant importance of gender equity towards growth of Scouting, all member NSOs open to boys and girls are strongly encouraged to take deliberate action to ensure nominations of women alongside men for the APR Task Forces, Sub-Committees and the Regional Scout Committee.